

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: Yasuhiko (nmi) Aoki et al.  
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Group Art Unit: 2613  
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Examiner: Christina Y. Leung  
Title: SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR COMMUNICATING  
OPTICAL TRAFFIC BETWEEN RING NETWORKS

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Dear Sir:

**RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION PURSUANT TO 37 C. F. R. § 1.116**

In response to the Office Action electronically sent January 2, 2008, Applicants respectfully request the Examiner to reconsider the rejections of the claims in view of the following remarks.